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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Harumi ISHIYAMA, et al.) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/050,853) Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: January 18, 2002)
For: IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS) March 21, 2002
AND IMAGE-FORMING METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
09/385,896	08/30/1999	2852	Allowed

A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

FEE/STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action has not been received in the subject application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee

is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 5-150539 is discussed at least at page 10, line 25 through page 11, line 20 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,432,037 is identified as being in the family of the '539 document.

Japanese Patent Document No. 7-99422 is discussed at least at page 10, lines 2 through 24 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Document No. 6-3921 is discussed at least at page 6, lines 13 through 18 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,809,379 is identified as being in the family of the '921 document.

Japanese Patent Document No. 63-149669 is discussed at least at page 5, lines 11 through 22 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 4,851,960 is identified as being in the family of the '669 document.

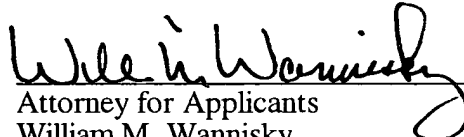
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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